

Goal Areas
Early Care, Health and Education System
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Note: Group was in consensus regarding Building Public Will as an over-arching goal area, so it is not individually addressed in each result area.

VISION: Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

- Increase access to and utilization of social, emotional and mental health services.
- Increase access to and utilization of preventive health care services
- Increase the number of children with a medical home
- Increase the number of children with a dental home
- Increase the number of children with health care coverage
- Increase access to and utilization of prenatal care services

CHILDREN READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

- Increase the capacity of schools to be ready to meet the educational needs of all children
- Increase the level of performance of children in the areas of learning, communication, movement, self-help, social skills and emotional health
- Increase family capacity to provide a quality early learning environment
- Increase access to affordable quality early learning environments for all children

SECURE AND NURTURING FAMILIES

- Increase the safety of children in their home environments
- Increase positive relationships between children and parents
- Increase the number of families who have sufficient resources to provide a stable home to support the well-being of children
- Increase effective opportunities to learn about child development and parenting skills

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES

- Increase public engagement and support for families with young children.
- Increase workplace commitment to families
- Increase community investment in early care, health and education system
- Increase the recognition of cultural diversity and the promotion of culturally competent practices.

SECURE AND NURTURING CHILD CARE ENVIRONMENTS

- Increase the number of high quality child care/early learning environments for all children
- Increase parent and community knowledge about quality child care/early learning environments
- Increase parent and community demand for quality child care/early learning environments
- Increase the accessibility and affordability of high quality child care/early learning environments for all children

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